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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 61-112345. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the present application.

2. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-144037. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4 and 5 of the specification of the present application.

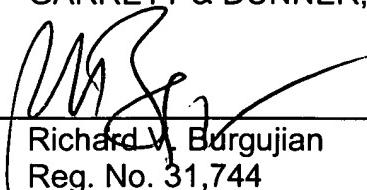
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